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SUBJ: KURDISH REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

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1. DEPUTY UNHCR MACE CALLED MEETING JANUARY 8 TO CONSIDER HCR
ROLE IN KURDISH REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM
IN WHICH, IN ADDITION TO MACE AND MISOFF, HCR
TEHERAN REP GOODYEAR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASSISTANCE AND
OTHER STAFF PARTICIPATED. MEETING BEGAN WITH RUNDOWN OF
INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL RESPONSES TO RESETTLEMENT APPEAL, AS
FOLLOWS:

A) CANADA: WILL ACCEPT 100. IMMIGRATION OFFICER NOW IN
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TEHERAN EXPECTS ALL PROCESSING TO BE COMPLETED BY

END JANUARY.

B) NETHERLANDS WILL ACCEPT 50, OF WHOM 17 ALREADY IN NETHERLANDS. REMAINING 33, AWAITING GOI DOCUMENTATION, NOW IN STATELESS STATUS.

SWITZERLAND WILL ACCEPT THOSE HAVING EVIDENCE OF CLOSE FAMILY TIES IN COUNTRY; FEW INDIVIDUAL CASES ALREADY ACCEPTED.

D) UK HAS AGREED ACCEPT UNSPECIFIED NUMBER ON SAME "FAIR SHARE" BASIS AS US. FIFTY APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED TO DATE, OF WHOM MOST HAVE LEFT FOR UK. UNHCR BELIEVES UK WILL CONSIDER MORE CASES AS PRESENTED.

E) AUSTRIA WILL ACCEPT 100 CASES, WHOSE DOSSIERS NOW BEING PREPARED. GOA WISHES MOVE AHEAD AND COMPLETE PROJECT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

F) GERMANY SAME AS SWISS ON FAMILY TIE REQUIREMENT, BUT UNHCR BELIEVES FRG ACTUALLY PREPARED ACCEPT MORE ON LESS RESTRICTIVE BASIS.

G) AUSTRALIAN ATTITUDE BASICALLY FAVORABLE TO DATE, BUT NO RESPONSE YET GIVEN DUE TO RECENT UPSETS IN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT. UNHCR DECIDED TACTICALLY WISE NOT TO PURSUE MATTER UNTIL NEW GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED.

H) DENMARK HAS DECLINED ACCEPT KURDISH REFUGEES FOR PRESENT, LARGELY DUE TO CURRENT INFLUX FROM LATIN AMERICA.

I) SWEDEN HAS NOT REPLIED THUS FAR, ALTHOUGH 11 KURDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE OUTSIDE UNHCR CHANNELS.

2. GOODYEAR REPORTED NUMBER OF POTENTIAL REFUGEES HAD FALLEN SOME 10 0/0 SINCE ORIGINAL FIGURE OF 1400 ESTABLISHED, WITH SOME GOING TO SYRIA OR RETURNING TO IRAQ. ADDED THAT HIS OFFICE ENGAGED IN IDENTIFYING THOSE STILL WISHING PROCEED TO US, WHO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOW SCATTERED ABOUT IRAN. OF THESE 300 NOW IDENTIFIED AND NAMES GIVEN TO EMBASSY TEHERAN, HE STATED, AND ESTIMATES A LIKE NUMBER ELSEWHERE IN COUNTRY.

3. GOODYEAR SAID THERE MAJOR PROCEDURAL QUESTION UNSOLVED AS TO HANDLING OF SPONSORSHIP ASSURANCES (JUSTICE FORM I-591). ARE THESE TO BE COMPLETED BY VOLAGS AND RETURNED TO TEHERAN FOR INCLUSION IN INDIVIDUAL'S DOSSIER

BEFORE HE CAN DEPART TEHERAN, OR WILL OTHER PROCEDURE BE FOLLOWED? ANOTHER QUESTION CONCERNED MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS: CAN THESE BE PERFORMED BY THE RED LION AND SUN SOCIETY AT NO CHARGE, OR MUST THEY BE DONE BY THE PARS HOSPITAL AT \$15 EACH, AS CUSTOMARY FOR US IMMIGRANTS, AND IF SO, WHO FOOTS BILL? (GOODYEAR FELT RED LION EXAMS WOULD BE QUITE ACCEPTABLE). OTHER QUESTIONS RELATED TO PROCESSING THESE REFUGEES RELATED TO INS CAPACITY TO HANDLE GROUPS IN FRANKFURT, HOW MANY AT A TIME AND AT WHAT FREQUENCY? WHAT SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS MUST GROUP HAVE IN HAND BEFORE PRESENTATION IN FRANKFURT? TO RESOLVE THESE AND OTHER AREAS OF DOUBT, PLANNING SESSION HAS BEEN SET WITH INS REGIONAL DIRECTOR FALCHER, INS FRANKFURT OFFICE DIRECTOR, UNHCR REPS AND MISOFF IN FRANKFURT JANUARY 15.

4. OTHER UNCLEAR MATTERS RELATING TO FRANKFURT PROCESSING, SOME OF THEM REPETITIVE OF THOSE REPORTED IN REF (A), INCLUDED: WHAT ACCOMODATIONS ARE ENVISIONED IN FRANKFURT? IF COMMERCIAL, WHO WILL PAY FOR THEM? WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING THEM? HOW WILL REFUGEES BE MOVED FROM FRANKFURT TO US AND WHO WILL FUND? WHAT IS SPECIFIC ROLE TO BE PLAYED BY VOLAGS, AND AT WHICH POINT IN PROCESSING ARE THEY TO ENTER PICTURE? FOR DEPARTMENT: IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF ANSWERS TO AT LEAST SOME OF FOREGOING QUESTIONS MIGHT BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO FRANKFURT MEETING, TOGETHER WITH SPECIFICATIONS OF VOLAGS CONCERNED.

5. GOODYEAR REPORTED GOI HAD GONE BACK ON PREVIOUS OFFER TO TRANSPORT REFUGEES BY IRANAIR FROM TEHERAN TO PROCESSING POINT, PROBABLY BECAUSE OF RELUCTANCE TO RISK OFFENDING IRAQI GOVERNMENT BY ANY ACT THAT MIGHT BE CONSTRUED AS UNFRIENDLY. HOWEVER, HE SAID "DOOR NOT YET CLOSED" ON POSSIBILITY OF SOME IRANIAN ASSISTANCE TOWARD TRANSPORTATION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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